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To whom it may concern

**RE: Bass Strait Passenger Vehicle Equalisation Scheme (BSPVES)**

I am writing on behalf of VRFish, the peak body representing more than 720,000 recreational fishers in Victoria.

The economic contribution of recreational fishing in Victoria has been measured at \$2.3 billion in activity direct expenditure for 2008/09.

Trailer boats comprise a significant proportion of recreational fishing trips each year and a current barrier to Bass Strait travel by Victorian trailer boat owners wanting to go fishing in Tasmania (or vice versa) is the high cost of the ferry service.

We fully support an incentive for trailer boats to be granted the same subsidy level as caravans under the Bass Strait Passenger Vehicle Equalisation Scheme (BSPVES).

This will generate increased demand for travel across Bass Strait and increased spending in Tasmania, thereby creating jobs as well as increased recreational fishing and boating industry growth in both Victoria and Tasmania.

Yours sincerely

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**Executive Officer**

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